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Subject: CO-SPONSORSHIP OF LEGISLATION

In the near future, I plan on introducing legislation creating a Marcellus Shale Health Advisory Panel. The panel would be tasked with thoroughly investigating and studying advancements in science, technology and public health data in order to provide Pennsylvania elected officials, regulators and the general public with information, analysis and recommendations regarding the safe, efficient and environmentally responsible extraction and use of unconventional natural gas reserves in the Commonwealth.

There has been much discussion regarding the potential effects of Marcellus Shale drilling on public health and safety. The creation of an advisory panel composed of experts from a wide range of fields including doctors, scientists, academics and industry leaders will provide Pennsylvania with a critical asset in addressing any current or future impacts arising from the development of the Marcellus Shale.

The creation of a permanent health advisory panel was a suggestion of the Governor's Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission. The panel would consist of nine members including the Secretary of Health and individuals to be appointed by the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and the House and Senate Minority Leaders.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact my office at 787-7084. Thank you.